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May 2, 1997

**WINDPROOF REFILLABLE LIGHTERS IMPORTED  
BY Y&U INTERNATIONAL INC. FAIL SAFETY TESTS**

**OTTAWA** - The Health Protection Branch (HPB) of Health Canada is warning consumers not to use windproof refillable cigarette lighters recently imported by Y&U International of Toronto/Scarborough, Ontario.

These lighters can be identified as follows:

- Pen-shaped lighter; stamped J.G. Scaoverload (display box marked J.G.)
- Copper-coloured, rectangular lighter; stamped FRUPI (display box marked Curiosity Menghu)
- Cylindrical-shaped key fob lighter; stamped ZPC Tiger Brand
- Gold-coloured lighter, shaped like 3 cylinders with a silver-coloured eagle crest applique; GLP stamped on bottom
- Silver-coloured parrot-shaped novelty lighter
- Copper-coloured crocodile-shaped novelty lighter
- Plastic novelty lighter with granite-like appearance
- Gold-coloured rectangular flip top lighter with black plastic inlay
- Silver-coloured rectangular flip top lighter with detailed scroll work
- Simulated leather, reddish brown-coloured flip top rectangular lighter with silver-coloured dragon emblem applique; stamped American Light

The majority of these products have been distributed by Rob Guy Marketing of New Westminster, B.C.

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Health Canada testing concluded that these lighters do not meet safety regulations. They have excessive flame heights, spurt droplets of fuel from the burner when used and continue to burn for longer than 10 seconds after the lever is released, which is five times the regulated limit of two seconds. These lighters can also give minor electric shocks when used, release fuel when they are dropped and burst into flames.

Health Protection Branch advises Canadians to stop further use of these windproof refillable lighters and to dispose of them in accordance with local laws.

The importer of this product, Y&U International Inc. is cooperating with Health Canada and has voluntarily initiated a recall across Canada. Health Protection Branch is monitoring the effectiveness of the recall.

Consumers can contact the nearest regional Health Protection Branch of Health Canada if they have any questions concerning this matter.

Vancouver	(604) 666-5003	Hamilton	(905) 572-2845
Edmonton	(403) 495-2480	Montreal	(514) 646-1353
Calgary	(403) 292-5613	Quebec	(418) 648-4327
Moncton	(506) 851-6638		
Winnipeg	(204) 983-5490	Dartmouth	(902) 426-8300
Toronto	(416) 973-4705	St. John's	(709) 772-4050

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# News from CPSC

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and Public Affairs

Washington, D.C. 20207

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### **CPSC, Importers Announce Recall of Cigarette Lighters**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), five importers are recalling about 845,000 novelty and disposable cigarette lighters. The lighters either do not have child-resistant mechanisms to prevent young children from igniting the lighters or they have defective child-resistant mechanisms in violation of the Consumer Product Safety Act.

CPSC is not aware of any injuries or incidents involving these lighters. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injury.

#### **Disposable Lighters Recalled**

DB Marketing Group Inc. of El Monte, Calif., is recalling about 790,000 disposable cigarette lighters. The lighters are marked "EASYLIGHT...CHINA" and have a transparent fuel container in a variety of colors.

Small retail stores in the Los Angeles area sold the DB Marketing Group lighters from September 1996 through March 1997 for about 25 to 35 cents.

Tabco International Inc. of Chicago, Ill., is recalling about 12,000 disposable cigarette lighters. The lighters are marked "China" and have labels resembling a \$100 bill and beer vendor designs, or are without labels and have a transparent fuel container in a variety of colors.

Neighborhood discount stores, gas stations and flea markets in California, Florida, Iowa, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin sold the Tabco International lighters from February 1996 through June 1996 for about \$1.

#### **Novelty Lighters Recalled**

Kassir Co. of Los Angeles, Calif., is recalling about 27,000 refillable novelty cigarette

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lighters. The metal lighters are silver, copper or gold. Most styles resemble revolvers, antique pistols, motorcycles and dragons. Other styles have relief figures of a horse and rider, and the word "Marlboro" on the casing.

Small retail stores in California, Washington, Nevada, Florida, Georgia, Texas, Arizona, and Montana sold the Kassir lighters from September 1994 through December 1996 for about \$5 to \$7.

Hangmei International Corp. of City of Industry, Calif., is recalling about 14,000 refillable novelty cigarette lighters. Styles include a pearl-handled antique brass derringer pistol, black handled snub-nosed pistol, antique brass figures of a seahorse and dragon, and a yellow soccer ball on a soccer boot.

Small retail stores in southern California sold the Hangmei lighters from June 1996 through January 1997 for about \$5 to \$10.

Chicago Import Co. of Chicago, Ill., is recalling about 2,000 refillable novelty cigarette lighters. Styles include a snub-nosed revolver with a gunmetal-blue frame marked "T-J-C," snub-nosed revolver with copper frame marked "88", snub-nosed revolver with copper frame and no markings, and snub-nosed automatic pistol with a copper frame marked with a crescent moon and star and "HEOLLO-888."

Neighborhood discount stores, gas stations and restaurants sold the Chicago Import Co. lighters nationwide from August 1996 through February 1997 for about \$1.

Consumers should stop using the recalled novelty and disposable cigarette lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund. For more information about this recall, consumers should call the lighter importers at the numbers listed below or call CPSC's toll-free hotline at 800-638-2772.

- DB Marketing Group Inc. at (818) 279-1080 (All lighters were sold in Los Angeles.)
- Tabco International Inc. at (800) 544-7882
- Kassir Co. at (888) 995-9935
- Hangmei International Corp. at (888) 898-3111
- Chicago Import Co. at (800) 656-0000

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury and for information on CPSC's fax-on-demand service, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270. To order a press release through fax-on-demand, call (301) 504-0051 from the handset of your fax machine and enter the release number. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov> or via Internet gopher services at [cpsc.gov](http://cpsc.gov). Consumers can report product hazards to [info@cpsc.gov](mailto:info@cpsc.gov).

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**Letter to Importers of Lighters  
Without a Compliance History in Canada or  
With a Bad or Mixed Compliance History**

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Lighters for cigarettes, cigars and pipes that are sold, advertised and imported into Canada must meet the requirements for child-resistance, labelling and safe performance set out in the *Hazardous Products (Lighters) Regulations*. Section 4 (2) of the *Hazardous Products Act* the advertising, sale or importation of lighters that fail to meet the requirements of the Regulations. Every importer of lighters, therefore, bears the responsibility for ensuring that their lighters comply with the Regulations.

The Product Safety Bureau, therefore, advises that, as of October 1, 1997, lighters without a compliance history in Canada or with a bad or mixed compliance history will be held on entry to Canada until their compliance with the *Hazardous Products (Lighters) Regulations* can be established. Where importers provide the Product Safety Bureau with records that establish compliance with the performance standards and, where applicable, the child resistance standards, the lighters will be immediately released to the importer. Where records verifying compliance are not produced by the importer,

- a) "Made in China" lighters will be refused admission to Canada; and
- b) lighters without a compliance history or with a mixed compliance history will not be released to the importer until after they have been sampled and tested for compliance by the Environmental Health Directorate's Product Safety Laboratory, as time and resources permit.

"Made in China" lighters will be refused entry because, during the past two years, 100% of samples of marketed lighters manufactured in China have failed to meet the prescribed performance tests when tested by the Product Safety Laboratory. Therefore, importers of "Made in China" lighters should be prepared to provide proof of compliance with the *Hazardous Products (Lighters) Regulations*. The following is a list of the brand names of made in China lighters which failed the prescribed tests to date:

A/M (American Match), City Lites, Classic Gold, CLI-CLA, Comet, EVERGLIDE, Fupi, GQ, Janmor, Liberty Lites, LITZ, PUSH-LITE, Turbojet, ZPC Tigerbrand.

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For additional information about compliance with the *Regulations*, please contact a Product Safety Officer at the nearest Health Canada office:

Burnaby, BC (604) 666-5003	Hamilton, ON (905) 572-2845
Edmonton, AB (403) 495-2626	Longueuil, QC 1 800 561-3350
Calgary, AB (403) 292-4677	Sillery, QC (418) 648-4327
Saskatoon, Sask. (306) 975-4028	Moncton, NB (506) 851-6638
Winnipeg, MB (204) 983-2846	Dartmouth, NS (902) 426-8300
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# News from CPSC

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

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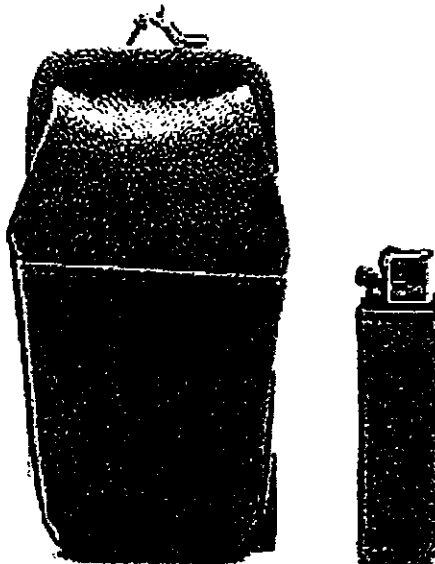
### CPSC, Walgreen Co. Announce Recall of "Smoke Tote" Cigarette Lighters

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Walgreen Co. of Deerfield, Ill., is recalling about 53,000 disposable cigarette lighters sold as part of the Smoke Tote set. These lighters' child-resistant mechanisms could fail to reset themselves, potentially allowing young children to ignite the lighters.

Each year, an estimated 190 deaths are caused by children under 5 years old playing with lighters. CPSC estimates that child-resistant mechanisms on lighters will prevent more than 100 deaths each year.

CPSC and Walgreen are not aware of any injuries involving these lighters. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries.

The lighters are sold inside a vinyl pouch, along with a matching cigarette case, in a blister pack. The lighters are tinted either red, yellow, blue, white, black or green. The cigarette cases and lighter pouches are either beige, black, red, navy or white. The blister pack is labeled in part, "PERFECTION Smoke Tote...FREE Child Proof Lighter & Fashion Case."



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Walgreen drug stores nationwide sold the lighters within the Smoke Tote set from August 1996 through August 1997 for about \$3.

Consumers should stop using the lighters immediately and return them to the Walgreen store where it was purchased for a full refund. For more information, contact Walgreen Co. toll free at (888) 899-0538. Consumers will hear a recording asking them to leave their name and number, and a Walgreen representative will return their call.

CPSC discovered this defective product as part of ongoing import surveillance in conjunction with the U.S. Customs Service. In addition, the Customs Service prevented the import of about 600,000 of these defective lighters into the U.S.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury and for information on CPSC's fax-on-demand service, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270. To order a press release through fax-on-demand, call (301) 504-0051 from the handset of your fax machine and enter the release number. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov> or via Internet gopher services at [cpsc.gov](http://cpsc.gov). Consumers can report product hazards to [info@cpsc.gov](mailto:info@cpsc.gov). To establish a link from your web site to this press release on CPSC's web site, create a link to the following address: [www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml97/97192.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml97/97192.html).

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# News from CPSC

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and Public Affairs

Washington, D.C. 20207

**For Immediate Release**  
**November 26, 1997**  
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### **Yongxin International Inc. to Pay \$50,000 Civil Penalty**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced today that Yongxin International Inc. of City of Industry, Calif., has agreed to pay a \$50,000 civil penalty to settle allegations that it violated the Consumer Product Safety Act.

Cigarette lighters the company imported did not have child-resistant mechanisms. Each year an average 190 fatalities are caused by children under 5 years old playing with cigarette lighters.

CPSC alleges that Yongxin imported 141,300 novelty and disposable cigarette lighters into the U.S. that did not comply with the Commission's Safety Standard For Cigarette Lighters.

CPSC discovered these lighters as part of ongoing import surveillance in conjunction with the U.S. Customs Service. This intervention prevented the lighters' sale in the U.S.

In agreeing to settle this matter and to pay a civil penalty, Yongxin denied that it knowingly violated the law.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury and for information on CPSC's fax-on-demand service, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270. To order a press release through fax-on-demand, call (301) 504-0051 from the handset of your fax machine and enter the release number. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov> or via Internet gopher services at [cpsc.gov](http://cpsc.gov). Consumers can report product hazards to [info@cpsc.gov](mailto:info@cpsc.gov). To establish a link from your web site to this press release on CPSC's web site, create a link to the following address: [www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml98/98034.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml98/98034.html).

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Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns Imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Thailand and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1997 and extending through December 31, 1997.

Effective on November 12, 1997, you are directed to establish a limit for textile products in Category 603 at a level of 550,000 kilograms<sup>1</sup> for the period October 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997, pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC) and a Memorandum of Understanding dated October 28, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and Thailand.

Textile products in Category 603 which have been exported to the United States prior to October 1, 1997 shall not be subject to this directive.

Textile products in Category 603 which have been released from the custody of the U.S. Customs Service under the provisions of 19 U.S.C. 1448(b) or 1484(a)(1) prior to the effective date of this directive shall not be denied entry under this directive.

Import charges for Category 603 will be provided as data become available.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 98-C0001]

### In the Matter of Yongxin International, Inc., a Corporation; Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Provisional acceptance of a settlement agreement under the Consumer Product Safety Act.

**SUMMARY:** It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Consumer Product Safety Act in the Federal Register in accordance with the terms of 16 CFR § 1118.20(e)-(h). Published below is a provisionally-accepted Settlement Agreement with Yongxin International, Inc., a corporation, "containing a civil penalty of \$50,000."

**DATES:** Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by November 22, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to the Comment 98-C0001, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington D.C. 20207.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dennis C. Kacyonis, Trial Attorney, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone (301) 504-0626.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The text of the Agreement and Order appears below.

Dated: November 4, 1997.

Sadye E. Dunn,  
Secretary.

### United States of America Consumer Product Safety Commission

[CPSC Docket No. 98-C0001]

### In the Matter of Yongxin International, Inc., a Corporation

### Settlement Agreement and Order

1. Yongxin International, Inc. (hereinafter, "Yongxin" or "Respondent"), a corporation, enters into this Settlement Agreement (hereinafter, "Agreement"), and agrees to the entry of the Order Incorporated herein. The purpose of this Agreement and Order is to settle the staff's allegations that Yongxin knowingly imported into the United States for sale and distribution in United States commerce cigarette lighters that are subject to and failed to comply with the Safety Standard For Cigarette Lighters (hereinafter, "Standard"), 16 C.F.R. part 1210, in violation of section 19(a)(1) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. § 2068(a)(1).

#### I. The Parties

2. The "staff" is the staff of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (hereinafter, "Commission" or "CPSC"), an independent regulatory commission of the United States established pursuant to section 4 of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2053.

3. Since 1992, Yongxin has been a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California. Its principal corporate offices are located at 17870 Castleton Street, Suite 260, City of Industry, CA 91748. Yongxin is an importer, broker, and distributor of various consumer items including cigarette lighters.

#### II. Allegations of the Staff

4. On three occasions between October 21, 1994, and June 18, 1996, Yongxin knowingly imported into the United States for sale and distribution in United States commerce 83 kinds of disposable and novelty cigarette lighters (141,300 units). These cigarette lighters are identified and described as follows:

Collection date* entry date	Sample No.	Type of lighter, model No.	Number of lighters
10/21/94 .....	T-867-8061 .....	Disposable, No. 1 .....	11,000
10/21/94 .....	T-867-8062 .....	Novelty, No. 5 .....	2,400
10/21/94 .....	T-867-8063 .....	Disposable, No. 8 .....	2,400
10/21/94 .....	T-867-8064 .....	Novelty, No. 9 .....	1,000

\* The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after September 30, 1997.

Collection date* entry date	Sample No.	Type of lighter, model No.	Number of lighters
06/18/96 .....	96-860-6186 .....	Disposable .....	50
06/18/96 .....	96-860-6187 .....	Novelty .....	50
06/18/96 .....	96-860-6188 .....	Novelty .....	50
06/18/96 .....	96-860-6189 .....	Disposable .....	200
06/18/96 .....	96-860-6190 .....	Disposable .....	60
06/18/96 .....	96-860-6191 .....	Disposable .....	100
06/18/96 .....	96-860-6192 .....	Disposable .....	255

5. The cigarette lighters identified as disposable cigarette lighters in paragraph 4 above are subject to the Commission's Safety Standard For Cigarette Lighters at 16 CFR Part 1210, issued under section 9 of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2058 because they are fueled by butane, isobutane, propane, or other liquified hydrocarbon, or a mixture containing any of these, whose vapor pressure at 75°F (24°C) exceeds a gage pressure of 15 psi (103kPa), and they have a customs valuation or ex-factory price under \$2.00, as adjusted every 5 years, to the nearest \$0.25, in accordance with the percentage changes in the monthly Wholesale Price Index from June 1993.

6. The cigarette lighters identified as novelty cigarette lighters in paragraph 4 above are subject to the Commission's Safety Standard For Cigarette Lighters at 16 CFR Part 1210, issued under section 9 of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2058 because they have entertaining audio or visual effects, or they depict (logos, decals, art work, etc.) or resemble in physical form or function articles commonly recognized as appealing to or intended for use by children under 5 years of age.

7. The cigarette lighters identified in paragraph 4 above failed to comply with the child resistant requirements of the Standard at 16 CFR § 1210.3 because they lacked a child resistant mechanism.

8. The cigarette lighters identified in paragraph 4 above were not labeled in accordance with the labeling requirements of the Standard at 16 CFR § 1210.12(c).

9. The cigarette lighters identified in paragraph 4 above were not accompanied by a certificate of compliance as required by the Standard at 16 CFR § 1210.12(b).

10. The Respondent failed to submit to the Office of Compliance, Division of Regulatory Management written reports at least 30 days prior to the importation of the cigarette lighters identified in paragraph 4 above as required by the Standard at 16 CFR § 1210.17(b).

11. The Respondent knowingly committed the acts set forth in paragraphs 4 through 10 above, in

violation of section 19(a)(1) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2068(a)(1), for which a civil penalty may be imposed pursuant to section 20(a)(1) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2069(a)(1).

### III. Response of Respondent

12. Respondent denies the allegations of the staff set forth in paragraphs 4 through 11 above that it knowingly imported into the United States for sale and distribution in United States commerce disposable and novelty cigarette lighters that are subject to and failed to comply with the requirements of the Commission's Safety Standard For Cigarette Lighters, 16 CFR Part 1210, in violation of section 19(a)(1) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2068(a)(1), for which a civil penalty may be imposed pursuant to section 20(a)(1) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2069(a)(1).

### IV. Agreement of the Parties

13. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. 2051 et seq.

14. Upon final acceptance by the Commission of this Settlement Agreement and Order, the Commission shall issue the attached Order incorporated herein by reference.

15. The Commission does not make any determination that the Respondent knowingly violated the CPSA. This Agreement is entered into for the purposes of settlement only.

16. Upon final acceptance of this Settlement Agreement by the Commission and issuance of the Final Order, the Respondent knowingly, voluntarily, and completely waives any rights it may have in this matter (1) to an administrative or judicial hearing, (2) to judicial review or other challenge or contest of the validity of the Commission's actions, (3) to a determination by the Commission as to whether the Respondent failed to comply with the CPSA as aforesaid, (4) to a statement of findings of facts and conclusions of law, and (5) to any claims under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

17. For purposes of section 6(b) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2055(b), this matter

shall be treated as if a complaint had issued; and the Commission may publicize the terms of this Settlement Agreement and Order.

18. Upon provisional acceptance of this Settlement Agreement and Order by the Commission, this Settlement Agreement and Order shall be placed on the public record and shall be published in the Federal Register in accordance with the procedures set forth in 16 C.F.R. §§ 1118.20(e)-(h). If the Commission does not receive any written request not to accept the Settlement Agreement and Order within 15 days, the Settlement Agreement and Order will be deemed finally accepted on the 16th day after the date it is published in the Federal Register.

19. The parties further agree that the Commission shall issue the attached Order; and that a violation of the order shall subject the Respondent to appropriate legal action.

20. Agreements, understandings, representations, or interpretations made outside of this Settlement Agreement and Order may not be used to vary or to contradict its terms.

21. The provisions of the Settlement Agreement and Order shall apply to Respondent and each of its successors and assigns.

Dated: September 16, 1997.  
Respondent Yongxin International, Inc.

Jian Hong Yang,  
Secretary, Yongxin International, Inc., 17870  
Castleton Street, Suite 260, City of Industry,  
CA 91748.

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Commission, Washington, DC 20207-0001.

Dated: September 22, 1997.  
Dennis C. Kacoyanis,  
Trial Attorney, Division of Administrative  
Litigation, Office of Compliance.

### Order

Upon consideration of the Settlement Agreement entered into between Respondent Yongxin International, Inc.,

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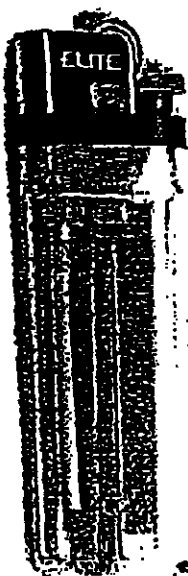
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## CPSC, ERA Intermarketing Co. Inc. Announce Recall of Disposable Lighters

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), ERA Intermarketing Co. Inc. of City of Industry, Calif., is recalling about 840,000 Elite-2 disposable cigarette lighters. The lighters do not meet the 1994 requirement for child-resistant mechanisms in violation of the Consumer Product Safety Act. This act requires a mechanism on disposable and novelty lighters shown to prevent ignition of the lighters by most children under 5 years old. Each year, CPSC estimates 190 deaths are caused by children under 5 years old playing with lighters.

CPSC and ERA Intermarketing are not aware of any injuries involving these cigarette lighters. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injury.

The Elite-2 lighters are made of clear plastic tinted in assorted colors. The metal top is labeled "ELITE," and the lighter label bears the bar code: "16229 12001" and the date code, "3/97."



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Small retailers sold the Elite-2 cigarette lighters nationwide from June 1997 to March 1998 for about \$1.

Consumers should stop using these lighters immediately and return them to ERA Intermarketing for a full refund, including postage, at:

Product Recall

ERA Intermarketing Co., Inc.

200 S. 5th Avenue

City of Industry, CA 91746

For more information about this recall, consumers should call ERA Intermarketing Co. Inc. toll-free at (888) 682-2388 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PDT Monday through Friday.

CPSC discovered this defective product as part of ongoing import surveillance in conjunction with the U.S. Customs Service.

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# Warning

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May 6, 1998

## **PURLITE DISPOSABLE CIGARETTE LIGHTERS FAIL SAFETY TESTS**

**OTTAWA** - Health Canada is warning consumers not to use *Purlite* brand disposable cigarette lighters. Tests have shown that the lighters do not meet safety regulations as they can leak fuel after impact or exposure to elevated temperatures. There have been no reports of injuries in Canada.

The importer is recalling the lighter. Health Canada is monitoring the recall. The lighters were sold across Canada, and may still be offered for sale in some stores. The brand name, *Purlite*, is imprinted on the metal flame shield. The label is marked "MADE IN CHINA" along with the importer's name: "DANIALS WHOLESALE INC., MISSISSAUGA, ONT."

Health Canada advises consumers to stop using these lighters immediately and dispose of them in accordance with local laws.

Parents are reminded to keep lighters and matches out of sight and reach of children. Consumers may contact the nearest Health Protection Branch regional office if they have any questions concerning this matter.

Vancouver (604) 666-5003  
Edmonton (403) 495-2626  
Calgary (403) 292-4677  
Moncton (506) 851-6638  
Winnipeg (204) 983-2846  
Toronto (416) 973-4705

Hamilton (905) 572-2845  
Montreal (514) 646-1353  
Quebec (418) 648-4327  
Saskatoon (306) 975-4028  
Dartmouth (902) 426-8300  
St. John's (709) 772-4050

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# NEWS from CPSC

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and Public Affairs

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December 23, 1998

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Release # 99-041

### CPSC, American Hua Mao Enterprises Announce Recall of Cigarette Lighters

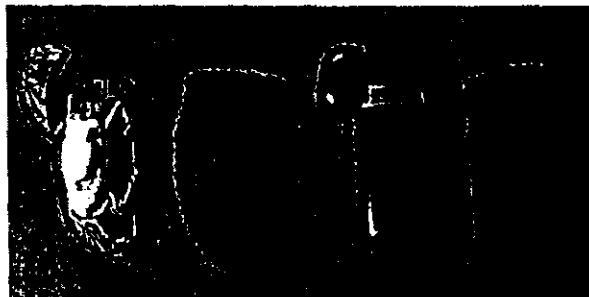
WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), American Hua Mao Enterprises, of New York, N.Y., is recalling about 139,000 cigarette lighters. These cigarette lighters, which operate with push-button electronic ignition mechanisms to produce the flame, have child-resistant mechanisms that do not work. Young children could ignite the lighters.

CPSC and American Hua Mao Enterprises are not aware of any injuries involving these lighters. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries.

These lighters are refillable, gas fueled piezoelectric catalytic lighter and are equipped with a non-functioning child resistant feature, a lever that slides horizontally under the ignition mechanism. Once the lever under the ignition switch is moved over to allow ignition, it stays in that position until manually reset. The lighters are advertised as Windproof #L2 and #L3 models. The #L2 are two-colored, ceramic-coated metal, oval-shaped lighters with round edges. The #L3 are copper-colored and have a horse molded on the body of the lighter. Both models were sold in black leather-like cases with the model number imprinted on it. They have a stick-on-label reading "MADE IN CHINA."

Small retail stores and souvenir shops in New York and Maryland sold these lighters from March 1997 through November 1998 for about \$4 to \$6.

Consumers should immediately stop using these cigarette lighters and return them to the store where they were purchased for a refund. For more information, call American Hua Mao Enterprises at (212) 244-1692 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EST Monday through Friday. Consumers outside the New York City area can call collect.



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information on CPSC's fax-on-demand service, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270. To order a press release through fax-on-demand, call (301) 504-0051 from the handset of your fax machine and enter the release number. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information or report product hazards to [info@cpsc.gov](mailto:info@cpsc.gov).

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# NEWS from CPSC

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April 13, 1999

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Release # 99-095

### CPSC, Kikkerland Designs Inc. Announce Recall of Novelty Lighters

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Kikkerland Designs Inc., of New York, N.Y., is recalling about 20,000 novelty lighters. The lighters do not have any child-resistant mechanisms, as required by the Consumer Product Safety Act. Young children could ignite the lighters, presenting a fire hazard.

CPSC and Kikkerland Designs Inc. are not aware of any injuries involving these lighters. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries.

The novelty lighters being recalled resemble lamps and flying saucers. The flying saucer lighter, made of silver metal and orange plastic, measures about 3.25 inches in diameter and 1.75 inches high. "UFO" is imprinted in the ignition switch and flashing lights illuminate once the switch is activated. The lamp lighter, with a blue shade, yellow pole and black base, is made of metal and measures about 6.75 inches high. It has no labeling and uses a pull chain as the ignition switch. The flame comes out of the top of the lamp shade.

Small retail stores and souvenir shops nationwide sold these lighters from March 1997 through February 1999 for about \$10.

Consumers should stop using these lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund. For more information, call Kikkerland Designs Inc. at (800) 869-1105 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT Monday through Friday.



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1999-68  
May 4, 1999

## Warning *HARRY, BEST and CIG* brand disposable cigarette lighters pose safety hazards

OTTAWA - Health Canada is warning consumers not to use *HARRY* brand, *BEST* brand and *CIG* brand disposable, child-resistant cigarette lighters because they do not meet various safety provisions of the *Hazardous Products (Lighters) Regulations*. The brand names are stamped into the metal flame guards of each lighter.

Tests have shown that these lighters do not meet various design and performance requirements:

*HARRY* brand lighters - the child-resistant mechanism is ineffective; poses a fire hazard to consumers since it may explode when exposed to high temperatures;

*BEST* brand lighters - may continue to burn long after the lever is released to extinguish the flame; poses a fire and safety hazard to consumers since it may explode when exposed to high temperatures; and,

*CIG* brand lighters - may continue to burn long after the lever is released to extinguish the flame; has excessive flame height; may release fuel when dropped and burst into flames.

There have been no reports of injuries in Canada.

Health Canada officials believe these lighters, all made in China, were brought into Canada via the United States. Importers of these lighters have not yet been identified. Retailers are primarily independent store owners who purchased the products from door-to-door salespersons.

Retailers are asked to immediately remove *HARRY* brand, *BEST* brand and *CIG* brand lighters from sale and to contact the nearest Product Safety Bureau for further direction.

Consumers in possession of the above-mentioned brands of lighters should stop using them immediately and dispose of them in accordance

with local laws.

Health Canada reminds consumers to keep all lighters OUT OF SIGHT and OUT OF REACH of children when not in use.

For more information, consumers should contact the nearest regional Product Safety office of Health Canada listed below:

Burnaby (604) 666-5003	Hamilton (905) 572-2845
Edmonton (403) 495-2626	Montreal (514) 283-5488
Calgary (403) 292-4677	Sillery (418) 648-4327
Saskatoon (306) 975-4502	Moncton (506) 851-6638
Winnipeg (204) 983-5490	Dartmouth (902) 426-8300
Scarborough (416) 973-4705	St. John's (709) 772-4050

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# NEWS from CPSC

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

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May 28, 1999

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Release # 99-118

### **Retail Chains Agree to Stop Selling Dangerous Cigarette Lighters; CPSC Seeks Civil Penalties**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced today that Premium Tobacco Stores Inc., doing business as Cigarettes Cheaper, and The Customer Company, both headquartered in Benicia, Calif., have agreed to stop the sale of disposable cigarette lighters that fail to meet government requirements for child resistance. The retailers signed a consent decree of permanent injunction, which was submitted to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California. Under the consent decree, the stores have agreed to obtain certification from all of their suppliers that the lighters comply with federal safety standards, to inspect each lighter for adherence to the standards, and to train store employees about the requirements and instruct employees not to remove the child-resistant mechanisms or show customers how to remove the mechanisms.

As part of the same case, CPSC is seeking civil penalties from the retailers and three of their corporate officers based on past sales of non-child-resistant lighters. CPSC is charging that the stores purchased some 184,000 non-child-resistant lighters in 1996, and sold or offered to sell them to the public.

During April 1999, after previously agreeing to stop selling non-child-resistant lighters, Premium again sold or offered for sale such lighters, this time to CPSC investigators posing as consumers. In some instances, the salesperson removed the child-resistant safety mechanism in front of the investigator. The illegal acts last month took place in Premium Tobacco and Cigarettes Cheaper stores throughout California, specifically stores in Petaluma, Daly City, Alameda, Redondo Beach, Gardena, Santa Ana, Walnut Creek, Oceanside, San Marcos, Encinitas and Los Angeles (Westwood).

Before cigarette lighters were required to be child-resistant, fire loss data revealed an estimated annual average of 7,250 residential structure fires, 190 deaths and 1,290 injuries that resulted from children under 5 playing with lighters. The resulting risk of death in those fires was more than three times the risk in residential fires generally. The standard, which went into effect in July 1994, should prevent 100 to 130 fire deaths each year associated with children under age 5 playing with lighters. The estimated annual net societal savings are nearly \$500 million, consisting of reductions in deaths, injuries and property damage.

CPSC Chairman Ann Brown said, "Rarely does CPSC find a company so callously undermining our safety requirements. We will vigorously enforce this requirement that helps to prevent young children from playing with lighters and starting fires. Hundreds of Americans -- sometimes entire families -- die every year from home fires related to lighters."

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To order a press release through fax-on-demand, call (301) 504-0051 from the handset of your fax machine and enter the release number. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information or report product hazards to [info@cpsc.gov](mailto:info@cpsc.gov).

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## **NEWS from CPSC**

### **U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission**

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October 4, 2001

Release # 02-005

**CPSC CONTACT:** Melissa Hampshire

(301) 504-0980 Ext. 2208

## **California Tobacco Company Agrees to Pay \$225,000 Fine for Selling Dangerous Cigarette Lighters**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced today that The Customer Company and Cigarettes Cheaper, both headquartered in Benicia, Calif., have agreed to pay \$225,000 to settle allegations that it knowingly violated the Consumer Product Safety Act by selling disposable cigarette lighters that failed to meet government requirements for child resistance. The fine settles a lawsuit that was filed by the U.S. Department of Justice in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California.

The CPSC alleged that The Customer Company and Cigarettes Cheaper, which operates more than 224 retail tobacco stores throughout California, violated the law in 1996 by selling cigarette lighters that were labeled as having a child-resistant safety mechanism, but in fact did not contain the mechanism. The Customer Company and Cigarette Cheaper illegally sold more than 27,000 such lighters.

In 1999, the CPSC again discovered that the defendants were illegally selling lighters in stores in Los Angeles, Daly City, Alameda, Redondo Beach, Gardena, Petaluma, Santa Ana, Walnut Creek, Oceanside, San Marcos, and Encinitas. In some stores the lighters were offered for sale without child-resistant safety mechanisms and in other stores employees were removing the safety mechanisms before selling them to consumers.

"Those selling cigarette lighters are on notice that the CPSC will not tolerate the flagrant disregard of laws intended to protect children and their families," said CPSC Chairman Ann Brown. "The CPSC will vigorously investigate and seek prosecution of any company that knowingly violates our safety standards."

Since the enactment of the safety standard for cigarette lighters in July 1994, deaths to children are down 43%. Before cigarette lighters were required to be child-resistant, fire loss data revealed an estimated annual average of 7,250 residential structure fires, 190 deaths and 1,290 injuries that resulted from children under 5 playing with lighters. The resulting risk of death in those fires was more than three times the risk in residential fires generally.

In agreeing to settle this matter, Cigarettes Cheaper denies the CPSC's allegations and denies that it violated the Consumer Product Safety Act or any other laws administered by the CPSC.

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Release # 99-119

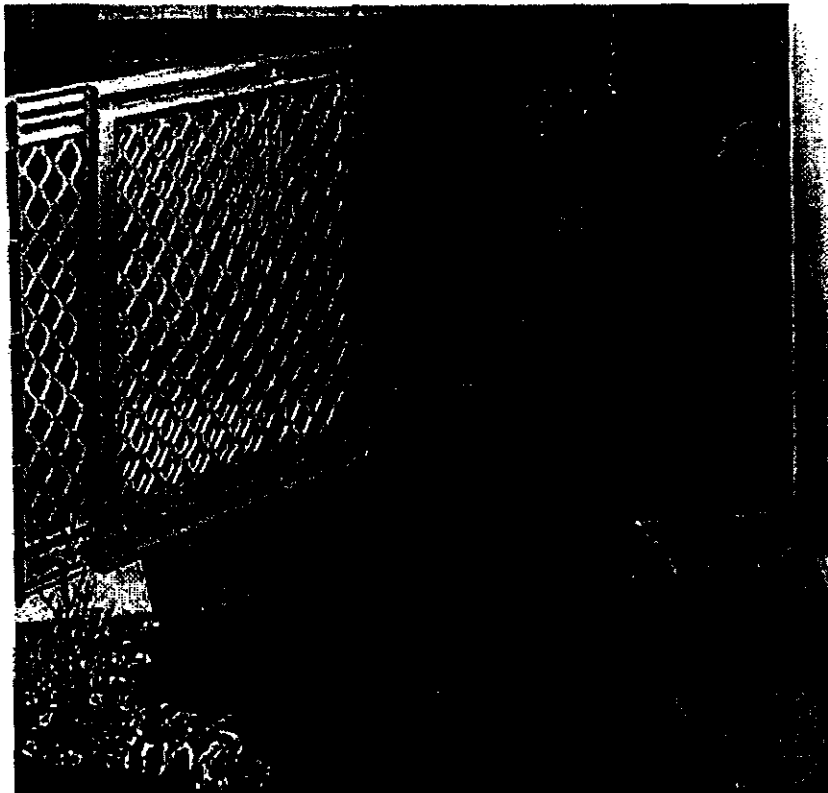
CONTACT: Nychelle Fleming

(301) 504-0580 Ext. 1192

### CPSC, Firms Announce Recalls of Stairway Gates and Lighters

The following product safety recalls were conducted by firms in cooperation with the CPSC.

**PRODUCT:** Stairway Gates - North States Industries Inc., of Minneapolis, Minn., is recalling about 3,200 stairway gates. The recalled gates are white plastic, measuring 26 inches high and can be used in openings from 26 inches to 41 inches wide. "INTENDED FOR USE WITH CHILDREN FROM 6 UP TO 24 MONTHS OF AGE...MMFG. ID NO. 8675...NORTH STATES" is on a warning sticker on the side of the gates. Ames, Ann & Hope, Hambleton & Carr, and Value City department stores nationwide sold the gates from March through April 1999 for about \$15.



**PROBLEM:** The locking mechanism can release when the gate is shaken and the gate will no longer act as the barrier it is intended to be. If the gate is placed at the top of stairs and the lock fails, a child could fall down the stairs and be injured.

**INCIDENTS/INJURIES:** North States Industries Inc. has received one report of a gate's locking mechanism failing. No injuries have been reported.

**WHAT TO DO:** Consumers should stop using these gates immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund. For additional information, consumers should call North States Industries Inc. at (800) 848-8421 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CDT Monday through Friday.

**PRODUCT:** Cigarette Lighters - C & H Trading, of Metairie, La., is voluntarily recalling about 40,000 disposable and novelty cigarette lighters. The recalled disposable lighters are metal with a rubber coating, which is red, blue, silver, chrome or black in color. The recalled novelty lighters are shaped as cars, grenades, elephants, alligators, motorcycles, guns or telephones. The cars are metal and plastic and are red or green in color. The telephones are plastic and are black in color. The other novelty lighters are bronze-colored metal. The lighters were made in China. There is no labeling on the lighters. Small retail stores in Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, Texas and Washington sold the lighters from October 1998 through March 1999 for about \$1 to \$3. A November 1998 C & H trade show in Louisiana also sold the lighters.



**PROBLEM:** The lighters do not have any child-resistant mechanisms, as required by federal law. Young children could ignite the lighters, presenting fire and burn hazards.

**INCIDENTS/INJURIES:** None reported.

**WHAT TO DO:** Consumers should stop using these lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund. Consumers who bought the lighters at the trade show can obtain a refund directly through the company. For instructions on returning the lighters to the company for the refund or for more information, consumers should call C & H Trading collect at (504) 456-9251 between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday.

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June 15, 1999

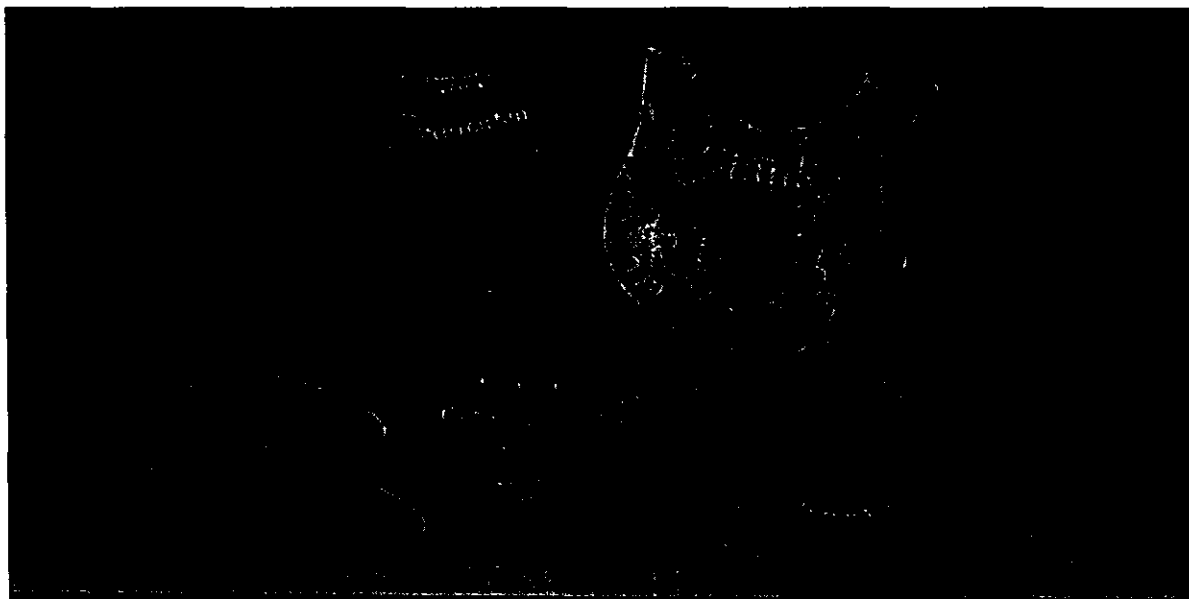
(301) 504-0580 Ext. 1183

Release # 99-123

### CPSC, Firms Announce Recalls of Toys and Lighters

The following product safety recalls were conducted by firms in cooperation with the CPSC.

**PRODUCT:** Toys - Creative Designs International Ltd., of Feasterville, Pa., is voluntarily recalling about 7,000 toy Magic Doll Feeding Sets. Each set contains two bottles (one bottle contains formula and is decorated with an alphabet design; the other bottle is empty and is mostly orange) a plate of food, jar of baby food, box of rice, spoon, fork and a bib. "Binky...Made in China" are on the bib. The set is packaged in a box labeled in part "Binky(r)...No. 8221...MAGIC DOLL FEEDING SET...Creative Design International, Ltd...Made in China." Toy and variety stores in California, Connecticut, Kentucky, New York, Washington and Puerto Rico sold the sets from January 1998 through December 1998 for about \$5.



**PROBLEM:** The nipple on the orange baby bottle separates, presenting a serious choking hazard to young children.

**INCIDENTS/INJURIES:** None reported.

**WHAT TO DO:** Consumers should take this recalled toys away from young children immediately and return the toys to the store where purchased for a full refund. For more information about this recall, consumers should call Creative Designs International toll-free at (888) 869-7234, or write to the company at 207 E.

Pennsylvania Blvd., Feasterville, PA 19053. Consumers in Puerto Rico can call the company collect at (215) 953-2800.

**PRODUCT:** Lighters - ZNY Enterprises Inc., of New York, N.Y., is recalling about 10,600 novelty and disposable cigarette lighters. The novelty lighters are shaped as a telephone pager, cell phone, and Godzilla. The disposable lighters are a "formal" design, which is a platinum-colored, gold-accented metal lighter. The lighters are refillable and each lighter has a sticker that reads, "MADE IN CHINA." Small retail and souvenir stores nationwide sold these lighters from January through April 1999 for about \$2 to \$6.



**PROBLEM:** The lighters do not have any child-resistant mechanisms, as required by federal law. Young children could ignite the lighters, presenting fire and burn hazards.

**INCIDENTS/INJURIES:** None reported.

**WHAT TO DO:** Consumers should stop using these lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a refund. For more information, call ZNY Enterprises Inc. collect at 917-373-4289 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT Monday through Friday. Consumers outside the New York City area should call collect.

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July 14, 1999

(301) 504-0580 Ext.1166

Release # 99-141

### **CPSC Announces Indictments in Cigarette Lighter Case**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced today that two people have been indicted on charges arising from its investigation into the removal of child safety mechanisms from disposable cigarette lighters. A federal grand jury in Tennessee charged Donald M. Anthony of Memphis with seven felony counts, including obstruction of justice and making false statements to CPSC. His former assistant, Marie A. Marrese, also of Memphis, faces four similar charges and three additional counts of making false statements to a grand jury. Anthony and Marrese operated National Marketing, a now-defunct Memphis business that distributed cigarette lighters and other merchandise to convenience stores and other distributors nationwide.

The indictments are part of an ongoing investigation by CPSC and the U.S. Justice Department into the illegal sale of cigarette lighters with their child-resistant features disabled. The indictments allege that Anthony and Marrese conspired to profit from the sale of lighters with disabled safety mechanisms and to conceal the sales from government investigators. The investigation is continuing against individuals and companies that bought lighters from National Marketing.

Before cigarette lighters were required to be child-resistant, during the period 1988-1990, an average of 150 persons were killed and nearly 1,100 injured per year as a result of residential fires started by children younger than 5 who were playing with lighters. Average annual property damage from such fires totaled almost \$70 million. "CPSC's safety standard for cigarette lighters will prevent hundreds of fires and needless deaths each year, especially many deaths to children," said CPSC Chairman Ann Brown. "These indictments show that we will vigorously pursue criminal penalties against companies that provide false information and undermine CPSC investigations."

Each of six charges against Anthony, and each of the seven charges against Marrese, carries a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. One of the obstruction charges against Anthony carries a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

In May, CPSC announced an injunction against a California retail chain, Premium Tobacco Stores, for selling lighters with disabled child-resistant mechanisms. CPSC is seeking civil penalties from the retailer and three of its corporate officers.

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November 1, 1999

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Release # 00-012

## **Tennessee Man Pleads Guilty in Cigarette Lighter Case Investigation Targets Removal of Child-Resistant Mechanisms**

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced today that a 51-year-old Memphis, Tenn., man has pled guilty to making a false statement to a CPSC investigator. Donald M. Anthony, a former distributor of cigarette lighters, admitted that he lied to a CPSC investigator to conceal his sale of non-child-resistant lighters. Mr. Anthony pled guilty to one felony count and faces a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and/or a fine of \$250,000. The guilty plea resolves an indictment announced in July.

Anthony operated National Marketing, a now-defunct Memphis business that distributed cigarette lighters to convenience stores and other distributors nationwide. Anthony pled guilty to making false statements about whether National Marketing was removing the child-resistant mechanisms from lighters and then reselling them. Sentencing is scheduled for January 21, 2000.

"This case shows that the CPSC aggressively enforces our safety standards and pursues companies that undermine our investigations," said CPSC Chairman Ann Brown. "The cigarette lighter standard prevents fires and saves lives - especially the lives of children."

Before cigarette lighters were required to be child-resistant, an average of 150 persons were killed and nearly 1,100 injured each year as a result of residential fires started by children younger than 5 who were playing with lighters. Average annual property damage from such fires totaled almost \$70 million.

The CPSC has launched investigations across the country in the past two years to recall lighters that do not meet federal standards and to prosecute companies and individuals that disable the child-resistant mechanisms. In May, CPSC announced an injunction against two California retail chains, Cigarettes Cheaper and the Customer Company, for selling lighters with disabled child-resistant mechanisms. CPSC is seeking civil penalties from the retailers and three of its corporate officers, as well as from an Arkansas distributor, American Buyers, and its corporate officer.

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Consumer Litigation is representing the Commission in federal court.

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# NEWS from CPSC

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October 14, 1999

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Release # 00-004

### CPSC, Shine International Trading Co. Inc. Announce Recall of Cigarette Lighters

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Shine International Trading Co. Inc., of Flushing, N.Y., is recalling about 2.4 million cigarette lighters. The lighters child-resistant mechanisms fail to meet the requirements of the Consumer Product Safety Act. Young children could ignite the lighters, presenting fire and burn hazards. Additionally, the lighters can leak fuel and remain on after consumers have used them, which also presents fire and burn hazards.

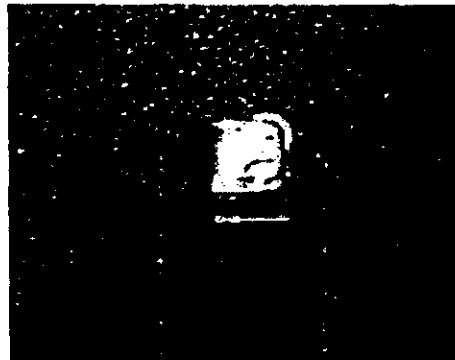
CPSC and Shine International Trading Co. Inc. have received three incident reports with these lighters. One incident involved two lighters that continued to burn after the consumer put them down, one involved two lighters that spontaneously blew apart while unattended, and one involved a lighter that burst into flames resulting in minor property damage. No injuries have been reported.

The lighters being recalled are non-refillable, oval-tube-shaped, with a transparent solid-colored (red, green, yellow, orange or purple) plastic body and a metal top. The lighters measure about 3.25 inches high and 1 inch wide. "SHINE" is imprinted into the metal top of the lighter. There is a warning label on the lighter. "SHINE" and "MADE IN CHINA" are written on the label. The lighters operate with a roll and press type of ignition mechanism to produce a flame.

Small stores and souvenir shops nationwide sold these lighters from August 1998 through July 1999 for about \$1.

Consumers should stop using these lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund. For more information, call Shine International Trading Co., Inc. toll-free at (888) 491-6676 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT Monday through Friday.

U.S. Customs alerted CPSC to this product hazard.





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# NEWS from CPSC

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and Public Affairs

Washington, DC 20207

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 1, 1999

Release # 00-010

CONTACT: Kim Dulic

(301) 504-0580 Ext. 1183

### CPSC, Firms Recall Cigarette Lighters, and Boys Jackets and Sweatshirts

**PRODUCT:** Cigarette Lighters - Penda New York Inc., of New York, N.Y., is recalling about 22,300 novelty and disposable cigarette lighters. The novelty lighters are plastic and shaped as a "BMW" toy car with flashing lights and keychain, a "Coke" soda bottle, a "Budweiser" beer can with flashing lights, a fire extinguisher, and a telephone pager with flashing lights belt clip. The disposable lighters are silver-colored metal and are relatively flat, measuring 2.75 inches long, 1 inch wide and .25 inch thick. A "MADE IN CHINA" label is on each lighter. Small stores and souvenir shops in the New York and Miami areas sold the lighters from January 1999 through July 1999 for about \$5. U.S. Customs alerted CPSC to this product hazard.



**PROBLEM:** The lighters do not have any child-resistant mechanisms, as required by federal law. Young children could ignite the lighters, presenting fire and burn hazards.

**INCIDENTS/INJURIES:** None reported.

**WHAT TO DO:** Stop using these lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund. For more information, call Penda New York Inc. collect at (212) 889-6740 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

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**PRODUCT:** Boys Jackets and Sweatshirts: Montgomery Ward, of Chicago, Ill., is recalling about 780 boys hooded

# NEWS from CPSC

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and Public Affairs

Washington, DC 20207

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 7, 2000

Release # 00-062

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### CPSC, Prometheus International Inc. Announce Recall of Novelty Lighters

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Prometheus International Inc., of Bell, Calif., is recalling about 4,000 novelty lighters. The lighters do not have any child-resistant mechanisms, as required by the Consumer Product Safety Act. Young children could ignite the lighters, presenting a fire hazard.

These lighters were discovered by CPSC by monitoring Internet web sites as part of Operation Safe Online Shopping (SOS). Operation SOS, launched in December 1999, is a CPSC initiative that monitors web sites for recalled, illegal and potentially hazardous consumer products being sold in cyberspace.

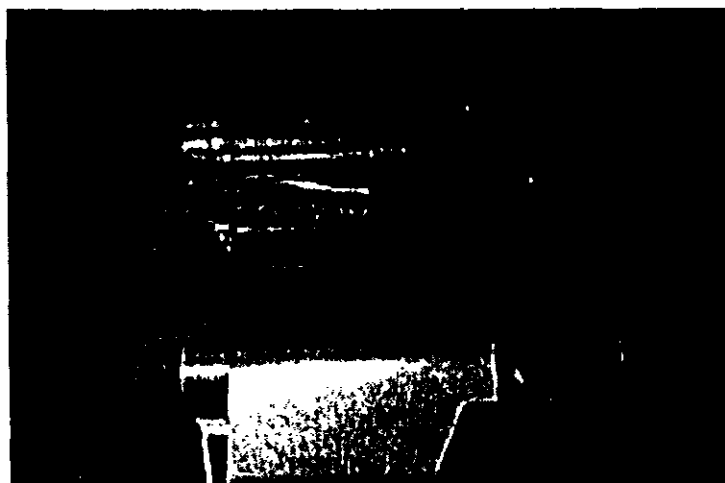
CPSC and Prometheus International Inc. are not aware of any incidents or injuries involving these lighters. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries.

The Intruder model lighter looks like a miniature propane or scuba tank, with a rectangular sleeve on the side into which the bottom part of the black activation/ignition button fits. The top two-thirds of the cylindrical tank body and the sleeve are black, and the tank is clear and transparent. A label on one side of the sleeve reads "Prometheus." A cover hides the flame port.

The Jupiter model lighter has a metal body with a black top and bottom. The lighter has a distinctive gun-like shape. It has a hinged cover for the flame port. The cover opens when the ignition switch is pressed or the hinged cover is pulled back, and a high-intensity torch flame is produced. On the end opposite the flame port, a black screw-on cover hides the refill port. The brand name "Prometheus" is engraved into the lower area of one side of the lighter body.

Tobacco stores nationwide sold these lighters from March 1997 through February 1999 from \$50 to \$75. The company advertised these lighters on their web site at [www.prometheuskkp.com](http://www.prometheuskkp.com).

Consumers should stop using these lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a free replacement lighter with a child-resistant mechanism. For more information, call Prometheus at (800) 229-5233 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.





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# NEWS from CPSC

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and Public Affairs

Washington, DC 20207

FOR IMMEDIATE  
RELEASE

**CONTACT: Halpern Recall Hotline: (800) 624-5280**

September 28, 2000

CPSC CONTACT: Ken Giles

Release # 00-189

(301) 504-0580 Ext. 1184

### CPSC, Halpern Import Co. Announce Recall of Cigarette Lighters

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Halpern Import Co. Inc., of Atlanta, Ga., is recalling about 350,000 disposable cigarette lighters. These lighters can burn with a high flame and can fail to extinguish, presenting fire and burn hazards.

CPSC and Halpern Import Co. have received one report of a woman who received second degree burns on her chest when the lighter failed to extinguish and ignited her clothing.

The disposable cigarette lighters being recalled are oval-tube- shaped. "TURBO 2000" is printed on the body of the lighter. The lighters have a green, red, blue, black or yellow body and a metal top. A label on the lighter reads "CHILD-RESISTANT DISPOSABLE LIGHTER," "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN," and "MADE IN CHINA." UPC number 0 80692 05010 1 is printed on the back of the lighters.

Tobacco and thrift stores nationwide sold these lighters from June 1999 through May 2000 for about \$1.

Consumers immediately should stop using these lighters and return them to the store where purchased for a refund. For more information, consumers should call Halpern Import Co. at (800) 624-5280 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



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2000-106  
October 27, 2000

## Warning

# Health Canada warns of possible dangers associated with certain disposable lighters

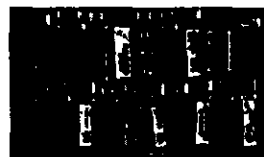
**OTTAWA** - Health Canada is warning Canadians of possible dangers associated with certain brands of disposable cigarette lighters sold illegally in Canada.

Health Canada inspectors, with the assistance of Canada Customs, are refusing entry or seizing shipments of certain brands of lighters at border crossings and independent retailers.

These cigarette lighters are intended for the U.S. and do not meet Canadian safety requirements enforced by Health Canada. Most of these lighters are made in China.

The following brands of lighters are being seized:

ACTEX, AMERICAN MATCH, AM, BEST, C-LITES, EVERGLIDE, GIL, HAPPY, HARRY, KING, LIBERTY LITES, LIVING PICTURE AG, MAXLITE, ROLLNLITE, SNAPLITE, SPIN-LITE, STRIK'N LITE, SUN, TOUCH LITE, VIVA, WAX.



(Click on photos to enlarge.)

These lighters present fire, injury and burn hazards because they have been known to explode or leak gas when dropped; continue to burn when the trigger is released; explode or leak gas when exposed to heat; and, have excessive flame heights.

Health Canada is aware of a fatality in southwestern Ontario that may be associated with one of these brands of lighters.

Disposable cigarette lighters sold in Canada must meet the child resistance, labelling and safety performance requirements of the Hazardous Products (Lighters) Regulations. Consumers and retailers should buy only those lighters intended for the Canadian market. They will have a bilingual label, show the name of the Canadian distributor/importer and have the required bilingual warning "Tenir hors de la portée des enfants-Keep out of reach of children."

Consumers who have suspect lighters should stop using them immediately and dispose of them in accordance with their local laws. Information about these laws are available from municipal government offices.

For more information or to report a cigarette lighter incident, consumers and retailers should contact the nearest Product Safety Office of Health Canada listed below:

<u>Telephone</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
Burnaby (604) 666-5003	Bby_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Edmonton (780) 495-2626	Edm_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Calgary (403) 292-4677	Cal_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Saskatoon (306) 975-4502	Carla_Lorer@hc-sc.gc.ca
Winnipeg (204) 983-5490	Del_Stitt@hc-sc.gc.ca
Hamilton (905) 572-2845	Tor_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Scarborough (416) 973-4705	Tor_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Montréal (514) 283-5488	Danielle_Gagnon@hc-sc.gc.ca
Québec (418) 648-4327	Danielle_Gagnon@hc-sc.gc.ca
Moncton (506) 851-6638	Atlantic_ProdSafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Dartmouth (902) 426-8300	Atlantic_ProdSafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
St. John's (709) 772-4050	Atlantic_ProdSafe@hc-sc.gc.ca

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(613) 954-3948



**Public inquiries:**

(613) 957-2991



**Canada**



**NEWS**



## **Hazardous lighters found in stores (2001 August 8)**

**Health Canada is warning Canadians of possible dangers associated with certain disposable cigarette lighters sold illegally in Canada**

2001-87  
August 8, 2001

### **Warning**

## **Hazardous lighters found in stores**

**OTTAWA** - Health Canada is warning Canadians of possible dangers associated with certain disposable cigarette lighters sold illegally in Canada.

Health Canada inspectors have recently removed hundreds of disposable lighters from convenience stores, gas stations and other retail outlets in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. The importers of these lighters remain unknown, but are suspected to be individuals buying them in the United States.

These disposable cigarette lighters do not meet the current Canadian safety requirements enforced by Health Canada. They pose potential fire, injury and burn hazards because they have been known to explode or leak gas when dropped; continue to burn after the trigger is released; explode or leak gas when exposed to heat; and have excessive flame heights.

Disposable cigarette lighters sold in Canada must meet the child resistance, labeling and safety performance requirements of the Hazardous Products (Lighters) Regulations. Lighters that do not show the Canadian address of the importer and bilingual warning statements are usually poorly constructed and thus may be dangerous. Retailers who are caught selling, or offering for sale, non-compliant lighters will have them seized by Health Canada Inspectors and may face prosecution under the Hazardous Products Act.

**Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of the Act or its Regulations is liable to a fine of up to \$1 million and/or imprisonment for a term of up to two years.**

The following brands of lighters have been seized for not meeting Canadian Regulations:  
**ACTEX, AMERICAN MATCH, AM, BEST, BODA BING, C-LITES, EVERGLIDE, GIL, HAPPY, HARRY, KING, LIBERTY LITES, LIVING PICTURE AG, MAXLITE, ROLLNLITE, SNAPLITE, SPIN-LITE, STRIK'N LITE, SUN, TOUCH LITE, VIVA, WAX.**

If you have such a lighter, please stop using it and contact the Product Safety Office nearest you, and give them the location of the store from which you acquired it.



Consumers and retailers should buy only those lighters intended for the Canadian market. They will have a bilingual label, show the name of the Canadian distributor/importer and have the required bilingual warning "**Tenir hors de la portée des enfants-Keep out of reach of children.**"

For more information or to report a cigarette lighter incident, consumers and retailers should contact the nearest regional Product Safety Office of Health Canada listed below:

Burnaby (604) 666-5003	Bby_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Edmonton (780) 495-2626	Edm_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Calgary (403) 292-4677	Cal_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Saskatoon (306) 975-4502	Sk_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Winnipeg (204) 983-5490	Mb_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Hamilton (905) 572-2845	Tor_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Toronto (416) 973-4705	Tor_Prodsafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Montréal (514) 283-5488	Quebec_Prod@hc-sc.gc.ca
Québec (418) 648-4327	Quebec_Prod@hc-sc.gc.ca
Moncton (506) 851-6638	Atlantic_ProdSafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
Halifax (902) 426-8300	Atlantic_ProdSafe@hc-sc.gc.ca
St. John's (709) 772-4050	Atlantic_ProdSafe@hc-sc.gc.ca

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Attachment 34**NEWS from CPSC****U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission**

Office of Information and Public Affairs

Washington, DC 20207

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**CONTACT: Cigarette Lighter Recall Hotline: (888) 251-5252**

April 5, 2001

CPSC Contact: Ken Giles

Release # 01-120

(301) 504-0580 Ext. 1184

**CPSC, Fleetwood EXIM Inc. Announce Recall of Cigarette Lighters**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Fleetwood EXIM Inc. of Grenada, Miss., is voluntarily recalling about 950,000 disposable cigarette lighters. The lighters have child-resistant mechanisms that do not work. Young children could ignite the lighters, presenting fire and burn hazards.

CPSC and Fleetwood EXIM Inc. have not received any reports of injuries. This recall is being conducted to prevent that possibility of injuries.

The disposable cigarette lighters being recalled are oval tube shaped with a roll and press type ignition mechanism. The lighters have a blue, orange, red or clear transparent case and a chrome metal windshield surrounding the flame port. Stamped into one side of the windshield is the brand name "youjie". A warning label on the back of the lighters reads in part, "WARNING: KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN" and "MADE IN CHINA".

Convenience, gas, and grocery stores in the southeastern region of the U.S. sold the recalled cigarette lighters from June 2000 through February 2001 for about \$1.

Consumers should stop using the lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund. For more information, call Fleetwood EXIM toll-free at (888) 251-5252 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.





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# **NEWS from CPSC**

## **U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission**

Office of Information and Public Affairs

Washington, DC 20207

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

April 17, 2001

Release # 01-124

**CONTACT: Lighter Recall Hotline: (877) 666-0664**

**CPSC CONTACT: Ken Giles**

**(301) 504-0580 Ext. 1184**

### **CPSC, Gladstrong Investments USA Announce Recall of Disposable Lighters 4-Year-Old Girl Died in Fire After Playing with Firm's Lighter**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Gladstrong Investments USA, of Hacienda Heights, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 13 million disposable lighters. The lighters' child-resistant mechanisms are frequently ineffective. Young children are able to operate the lighters, posing a fire hazard.

CPSC and Gladstrong Investments have received a report of a 4-year-old girl who died after starting a fire with a Gladstrong Investments lighter and then hid in a closet. The fire caused an estimated \$72,000 in damages. In another incident, two brothers, a 4-year-old and a 6-year-old, reportedly ignited clothing and paper inside a car while playing with one of these lighters causing about \$1,500 in damages. They were not injured.

The recalled lighters have their brand name, "BODA-BING," "GIL," "HAPPY," or "WAX" stamped on both sides of their metal tops. The UPC bar code on the lighters' labels is "0-80692-99930-1," "0-295114-0" or starts with "7-55998." Writing on these lighters includes "MADE IN CHINA." The lighters were sold in various colors.

Convenience, drug and discount stores nationwide sold these lighters from January 1998 through February 2001 for about \$1.

Consumers should stop using these lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a refund. For more information, call Gladstrong at (877) 666-0664 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.

These lighters were discovered by CPSC surveillance and from reports from the Franklin, N.H. and Kenosha, Wis. fire departments.



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

April 24, 2001

Release # 01-128

CPSC Contact: Scott Wolfson or Ken Giles

(301) 504-0580

### **Cigarette Lighters Recalled by DFS Group Ltd.**

**PRODUCT:** DFS Group Ltd., of San Francisco, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 65,000 cigarette lighters packaged in souvenir sets with ashtrays, pencils or pens. The lighters being recalled are refillable, electronic ignition lighters and bear location names such as "Hawaii," "Guam," "Saipan," "Las Vegas," "USA" etc. The lighters have flip-up caps over the push-down ignition buttons. An orange label on the back of the lighters reads, "WARNING: KEEP LIGHTER OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN - THIS LIGHTER IS NOT CHILD RESISTANT." The packaging of these sets have labels that read, "MADE IN CHINA." DFS stores in Hawaii, Guam, Saipan, San Francisco, Las Vegas, and Portland sold these souvenir sets from January 1996 through April 2001 for between \$12 and \$15.

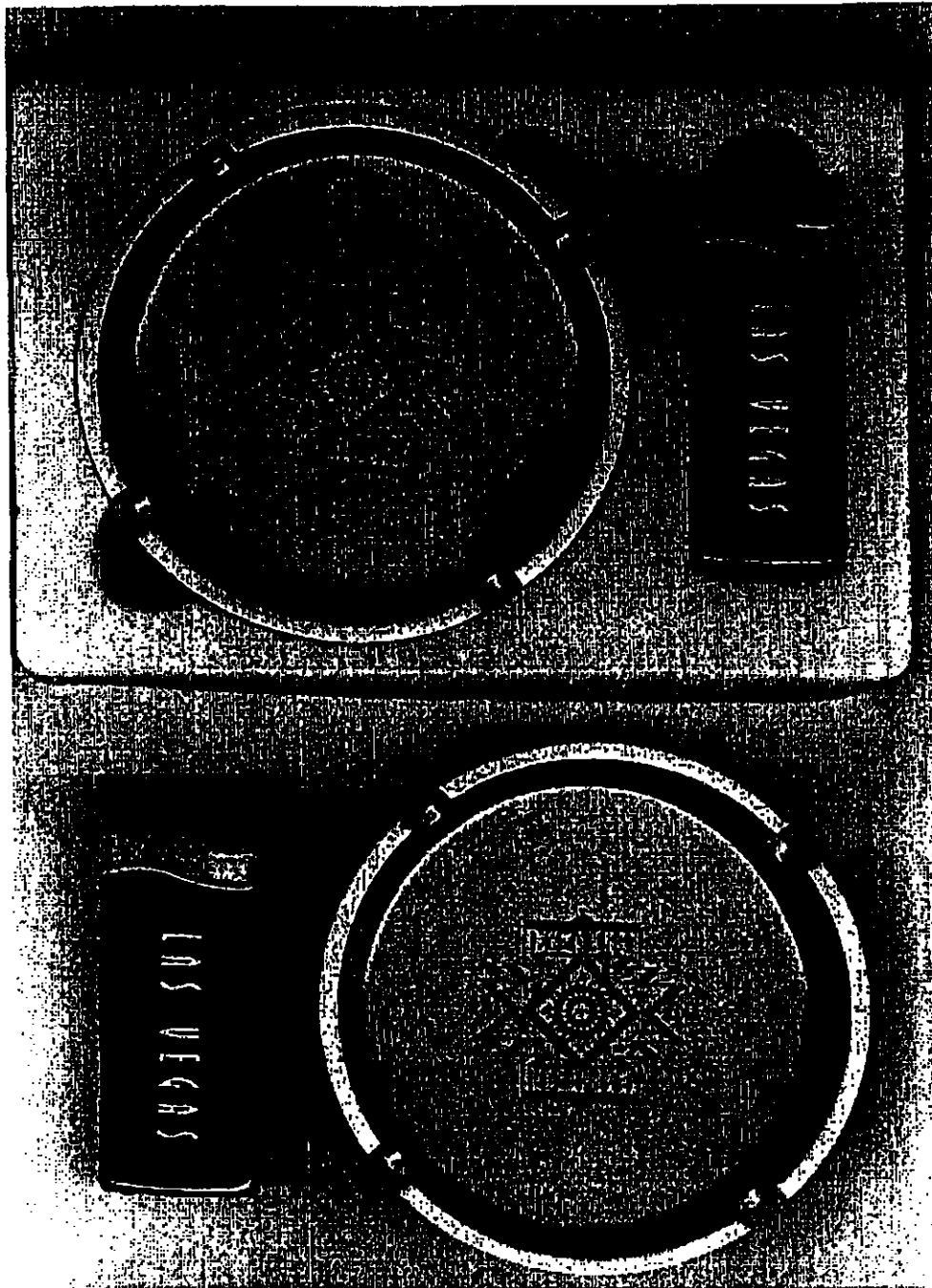
**PROBLEM:** The lighters do not have child-resistant mechanisms. Young children can easily ignite the lighters, presenting fire and burn hazards.

**INCIDENTS/INJURIES:** None reported.

**WHAT TO DO:** Consumers should stop using these lighters immediately and return them to the DFS store where purchased for a refund. For more information, consumers should call DFS at (800) 225-2777 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday. U.S. Customs alerted CPSC to this product hazard.

Media Contact for DFS: Jim Fingerth or Michael Freitag at (212) 521-4800.





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# NEWS from CPSC

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and Public Affairs

Washington, DC 20207

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 2, 2001

Release # 01-139

CPSC CONTACT: Ken Giles

(301) 504-0580 Ext. 1184

### CPSC, Firms Announce Recall of Novelty Cigarette Lighters and Propane Torches

The following two product safety recalls were conducted by firms in cooperation with the CPSC. Please choose the appropriate recall below.

- Novelty cigarette lighters recalled by Tools Exchange Inc., of Lynwood, Calif.

Tools Exchange Inc., of Lynwood, Calif., is recalling about 5,300 novelty cigarette lighters. The lighters do not have child-resistant mechanisms, as required by federal law. Young children could ignite the lighters, presenting fire and burn hazards.

- Propane Torches recalled by Harbor Freight Tools, of Camarillo, Calif.

Harbor Freight Tools, of Camarillo, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 500 propane torches. The hose that comes with the propane torch can crack or burst, presenting a fire and explosion hazard.

**From:** Angela Pompey <apompey@cpsc.gov>  
**To:** CPSC Subscription List <cpscinfo-l@cpsc.gov>  
**Date:** 5/2/01 7:35PM  
**Subject:** News from CPSC - Recall and Public Calendar

**For Immediate Release**  
**May 2, 2001**  
**Release # 01-139**

**Contact: Ken Giles**  
**(301) 504-0580 Ext. 1187**

**CPSC, Firms Announce Recall of Novelty Cigarette Lighters and Propane Torches**

The following product safety recalls were conducted by firms in cooperation with the CPSC. For more information about recalls, visit CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov>.

**PRODUCT:** Novelty Cigarette Lighters - Tools Exchange Inc., of Lynwood, Calif., is recalling about 5,300 novelty cigarette lighters. The lighters have two brand names:

\* The "Hotery Pocke Torch" comes in various colors, including red and green, and is shaped like a fire extinguisher. It is a butane-fueled, torch-style lighter with a black plastic cap that fits over the flame port and ignition switch. "HOTERY POCKE TORCH" is written on one side of

the lighter, "Made In Taiwan" is written on a sticker on the other side,

and "PT-16" is printed on the cap. The cap is attached to the lighter's body by a linked metal chain. These lighters were sold nationwide from January 2000 through December 2000 for about \$7.

\* The "Pocket Torch" comes in red and dark gray, and is shaped like a fire hydrant. It is a butane-fueled, torch-style lighter with a black cap that fits over the flame port and ignition switch. The words "Fire Plug" appear in red inside of a black disk on both sides of the lighter.

The cap is attached to the lighter's body by a linked metal chain. These lighters were sold nationwide from January 1999 to October 2000 for about \$7.

**PROBLEM:** The lighters do not have child-resistant mechanisms, as required by federal law. Young children could ignite the lighters, presenting fire and burn hazards.

**INCIDENTS/INJURIES:** None reported.

**WHAT TO DO:** Consumers should stop using these lighters immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a refund. For more information, call Tools Exchange collect at (310) 604-4444 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.

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**PRODUCT:** Propane Torches - Harbor Freight Tools, of Camarillo, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 500 propane torches. The propane torch,

measuring about 22.5 inches long, comes as a "kit" with a wand, flow valve, turbo blast trigger, hard rubber grip and a hose that attaches to

propane tanks. Writing on the hose of reads, "IN-8MM OUT-13MM BURST 525 PSI PRESSURE WORK 150 PSI MADE IN CHINA." The propane torch was sold in a clear plastic-wrap package with a white cardboard backing and contained "Harbor Freight Tools Assembly and Operating Instructions." Harbor Freight Tools stores and catalogs nationwide sold these torches from May 2000 through September 2000 for about \$20. Similar torches marked "Made in Italy," are not part of this recall.

**PROBLEM:** The hose that comes with the propane torch can crack or burst, presenting a fire and explosion hazard.

**INCIDENTS/INJURIES:** CPSC and Harbor Freight Tools have received two reports of torch hoses cracking and then bursting into a flash flame. One consumer suffered third-degree burns on his legs, and a second consumer suffered first-degree burns to his hand and arm.

**WHAT TO DO:** Stop using the propane torches immediately. Consumers should

call Harbor Freight Tools at (800) 444-3353 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

PT Monday through Friday to obtain a refund.

To see a picture of the recalled product(s) and/or to establish a link from your web site to this press release on CPSC's web site, link to the following address: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prereel/prhtml01/011139.html>. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html>. For information on CPSC's fax-on-demand service, call the above numbers or visit the web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/103.html>. To order a press release through fax-on-demand, call (301) 504-0051 from the handset of your fax machine and enter the release number. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov>.

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# Zreative Product Inc

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2/27/2002

RE: Petition CP 02-1, Petition on Lighters

To Whom It May Concern:

The primary purpose of this letter was to oppose the irrational request by the Lighter Association, Inc. to adopt ASTM voluntary standard as a consumer product safety standard. The petitioner asserted that unreasonable risks of injury are being created by failure to enforce the existing voluntary standard in the U.S. However, based on the report dated September 2000 from CPSC, which was to evaluate the effectiveness of the CPSC safety standard for cigarette lighters, it is estimated that the CPSC Safety Standard for cigarette lighters has reduced cigarette lighter child play fires caused by children younger than age 5 by **67%**! Taking into account the projected fire losses that would have occurred if the standard had no effect, it is estimated that the CPSC Safety Standard was responsible for reductions of 4800 fires, 130 deaths, 950 injuries, and \$76.4 million in property loss in 1998. Total societal benefits in 1998 are anticipated at \$773.9 million. Therefore, it is concluded that the Standard has been **very effective** in reducing fire losses caused by children younger than age 5 playing with cigarette lighters. The recent CPSC Standard requiring child resistant features on **multi-purpose lighters** effective on December 22, 2000, will help to further reduce these fire losses. It is note worthy that in the same study on children younger than age 5 playing with multi-purpose lighters caused an estimated 800 residential fires that resulted in about 20 deaths, 50 injuries, and \$15.6 million in property loss in 1998. With the **success** of the CPSC Safety Standard, we believe it is unnecessary to implement another Safety Standard, especially ASTM voluntary standard, which is mainly a **performance standard**. Its main concern is to enhance the quality of the cigarette lighter, not for the purpose of child safety. That is why the advocates of the ASTM standard sell their lighters at a much higher prices (10 times or more) than those who carry only CPSC compliant child safety standard lighters.

Moreover, one of the departments of Hazardous Products Central Laboratory, known as State Administration of Import and Export Inspection of China (SACI) in Tianjin, has already implemented (starting June of 2001) the ASTM standard testing on lighters before it is allowed to export. According to Mr. Kendall Woo, the Regional Product Safety Manager of the Health Canada, China had sent a team of experts, leading by the current Director of the Lighter Laboratory Mr. Li-bing Wang, to Product Safety Laboratory in Ottawa, Canada, few years ago to learn all the necessary technique of how to employ ASTM standard on their lighters. As a matter of fact, the

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Canadian government now accepts the testing of lighters in China as a legitimate substitution for that of Canada. This further proves that the petition from the Lighter Association, Inc is **redundant** and meaningless.

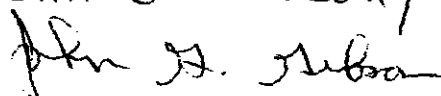
In conclusion, the adopting of the ASTM standard as a consumer product safety standard will have an adverse impact on the economy of our society. The lower, middle income classes will have to pay a lot more on lighters due to the increase cost in this needless testing. In addition, it is a waste of CPSC already inadequate manpower to manage this extra testing procedure. The goal of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate the "Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters" in 1994 was to reduce the fire deaths caused by young children, NOT the superior performance or quality of the lighter. Last but not the least, since China is already doing the ASTM testing, why should we waste our time, effort and money to duplicate the work?

Respectfully yours,

  
Tommy Wong

N.B. Followings are a list of Importers with their signatures to show their support on this letter. In addition, the Safety Lighter Association International also back up the idea against the petition (CP 02-1) by signing underneath.

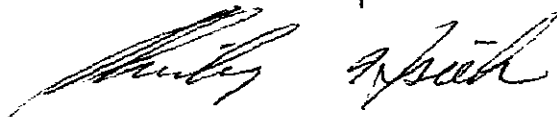
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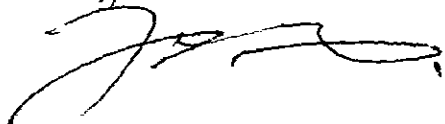
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Consumer Product Safety Commission  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

We write in support of the petition on lighters pending before the Consumer Product Safety Commission. We see no reason why safety standards for lighters in the United States should be materially different from safety standards in Canada and Mexico. We also see no reason why lighters should not satisfy minimum safety standards.

We understand that, at present, disposable cigarette lighters must be child-resistant, but that no other safety standards apply. We further understand that the ADTM F400-00 standard is followed voluntarily by many conscientious distributors of disposable lighters, and that conversion to a mandatory standard would merely extend their established business practices. The only inconvenience created by adoption of the safety standard, therefore, would be for those companies and individuals who manufacture or import products they are unable and unwilling to certify as safe.

We support the petition for adoption of the ASTM F400-00 standard for cigarette lighters as a mandatory safety standard in the United States without reservation. In accord with the Federal Register notice of January 17, 2001, this letter is accompanied by four copies to assist in your deliberations.

